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 \* TO ALL OUR READERS \*  
 \* WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES \*  
 \* FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY \*  
 \* AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR \*  
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 \*\*\* 4 2 5 D X N E W S \*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\* DX INFORMATION \*\*\*\*  
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- DU - Chris VK3FY, Nik VK3FNIK and Dindo DU1UD will be active as DX8DX (to be confirmed) from Luzon Island (OC-042) on 23-29 December, with the possibility of side trips to other IOTA groups in the same region (for instance OC-130 and OC-235). On 6-8 January DX8DX (to be confirmed) will be QRV from the Calagua Islands (OC-202). Plans are to operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres, with limited activity on 80 and 160m. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (direct and bureau); traditional cards should be sent to M0OXO direct only. [TNX M0OXO]
- E5\_sc - Milan, OK1DWC has been active again as E51DWC from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands since 22 December. His first activity was in June-September 2015, length of current stay unknown. He operates CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via OK1DWC, Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL; QSLling policy at [www.qrz.com/db/e51dwc](http://www.qrz.com/db/e51dwc).
- EA8 - Mauro, IV3HAX will be active again as EA8/IV3HAX from Fuerteventura Canary Islands (AF-004) from 27 December to 6 January. He will operate CW, RTTY and PSK on the HF bands. QSL via IV3HAX (direct), LoTW, eQSL and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX Coffee]
- EI - From 1 January to 31 December 2017 nine special callsigns (EI11WAW, EI22WAW, EI33WAW, EI44WAW, EI55WAW, EI66WAW, EI77WAW, EI88WAW and EI99WAW) will be active to celebrate the Wild Atlantic Way, a tourism route on the west coast of Ireland that runs for 2,500 km passing through nine Counties and three provinces. Each special callsign will be associated with one of those Counties. QSLs via EI6AL; OQRS on Club Log. A certificate will be made available for download to any station that works all nine calls, on any band or mode; apply by email to EI6AL giving your name and callsign.
- SM - Once again the unique and still operational long wave transmitter, with call sign SAQ, at the Varberg Radio Station at Grimeton (southern Sweden) will be activated on VLF 17.2 kHz on 24 December. The message transmission will take place at 8 UTC and the transmitter will be tuned up from around 7.30 UTC. There will also be CW activity on the amateur radio bands (7035 or 14035 kHz) with the call SK6SAQ. See [www.alexander.n.se](http://www.alexander.n.se) for updates and QSL information. Built in 1922-24, the Varberg Radio Station has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2004. It is "an exceptionally well-preserved monument to early wireless

transatlantic communication", representing "the process of development of communication technology in the period following the First World War".

- SP - Special event station HF8000 will be active from 1 January to 31 March to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Polish city of Opole. Activity will be on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK . QSL via SP6PAZ, direct or bureau. [TNX SP6DVP]
- T8 - Ryosei, JH0IXE will be active again as T8CW from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 26 December to 6 January. QSL via JA0FOX (bureau) or JH0IXE (direct), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]
- UA - Russian Robinson Club's members R7AL, RA1ZZ, RK8A and RW5D are planning a DXpedition to take place from Iony Island (AS-069) on 20-24 July (dates are tentative and highly dependent on weather and sea conditions). They will operate as RI0C with two stations on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards via R7AL (direct). See [www.iony2017.com](http://www.iony2017.com) for further information and updates. The first and only operation from this IOTA group dates back to 1990 (EK0AC).
- VE - Celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation, Canadian radio amateurs can replace their normal prefix from 1 January to 31 December: VA stations can use CF, VE stations can use CG, VO stations can use CH and VY stations can use CI.
- VK - Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK9MAV from Marion Reef (OC-267; DXCC wise this is Australia, not Mellish Reef) for six days between 15 and 25 May. Actual dates will depend on weather conditions and boat availability. He will run 100 watts to a multiband dipole and VDAs for 20 and 15 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS; traditional cards should be sent to VK5MAV (direct only) or RN3RQ (bureau). See <https://www.qrz.com/db/vk9mav> for further information and updates. This IOTA group was activated only once, by VK4WWI/P back in 2004.
- W - Erik, N5WR will be active holiday style as N5WR/5 from Mustang Island (NA-092) from 26 December to 1 January. QSL via home call or Club Log's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

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\*\*\*\* GOOD TO KNOW ... \*\*\*\*  
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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The November 2016 issue is now available for download at [www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html](http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html). [TNX IZ3EBA]

2017 IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> IOTA enthusiasts are reminded that the last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2017 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 31 January 2017. If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. Participants who have not updated since the 2012 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2017. [TNX G3KMA]

DAYTON CONTEST UNIVERSITY ---> Registration is now open for 2017 Dayton

Contest University (CTU), to be held all day on 18 May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. It will be the eleventh year in a row for CTU Dayton. Complete details can be found on [www.contestuniversity.com](http://www.contestuniversity.com).

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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3D2JS      WB2TJO      EA8AH      OH1RY      R17TCNY    RN3RQ [b]
3G1D       XQ1FM       EA9KB      EA7FTR     R17TCNY    UA3RU [d]
3G3O       CE3OP       EG7SOM     EA7TV      R99FSB     UA3FQ
3Z0XMAS    SP6IEQ      EN25UARL   UT5UIA     RI1ANA     ZS1OIN
3Z70AR     SQ8ERS      EP2LSH     EA5GL      RI1ANC     RN1ON
4K6AG      RW6HS       EY8MM      K1BV       RI1AND     RW1AI
4K6N       RW6HS       FK8CE      NI5DX      RI1ANR     RK1PWA
4L5P       UT7QF       FK8DD      NI5DX      S01WS      EA2JG
4U1WB      KK4HD       FK8GX      W3HNC      SN800L     SP4RKZ
4X07W      4Z5LA      GB2GM      G3UCQ      ST0A       ST2M
5B4AMM     UT5UDX      HB0/NZ1C   DJ6GI      ST100S     ST2M
5C5W       EA5XX       HB9HLM     HB9OCR     ST2ND      ST2M
5T2AI      NI5DX      HC2AO      RC5A       SX25LSV    SZ8LSV
6W/UA4WHX/p UA4WHX     HC2HGT     IK2OHG     T88MZ      DU1CKF [d]
7P8GOZ     ZS1CDG     HF2017HNY SP2PBM     T88MZ      JH0CKF [b]
8P9JB      J69Z       HI3AA      NK4DX      TI8/AA8HH  K8DV
9G1SD      AB0GC      HR2DMR     KD4POJ     TM2RST     F8DFO
9H3BP      G4GBP      HT7AAA     TI4SU      TR8CA      F6CBC
9Q6BB      W3HNC      J68HZ      K9HZ       TT8FC      EA3GWK
A41RN      A61BK      J68LNX     W2LNX      TY2BP      IK2IQD
A65CZ      K6EID      J79WTA     HB9MFM     UN7AB      DL8KAC
A71AM      M0OXO      J79XBI     SM5DJZ     UN7TX      RW6HS
A91ND      A92AA      KC4AAA     K1IED      V31MA      M0OXO
AO5CSM     EA5FJL     KL7SB      NI5DX      V51WH      DK2WH
BV0TW      BU2BF      LU1ZI      LU4AA      V73NS      W3HNC
C50VB      UA4WHX     LU4ZS      LU4DXU     VP2VGG     W6RWC
C5YK       ON7YK      MX0YHC     2E0SDV     VP5/VE7ACN VE7ACN
C91IW      ZS1WY     OD5PY      KU9C       XW1IC      E21EIC
CE2AWW     N7RO      OD5ZZ      NI5DX      YP2017HNY YO3KPA
CN2XW      G5XW      OH9SCL     OH9AB      ZB2TT      M0URX
CQ8CQ      CU3AA      OR70AF     ON2KFJ     ZF2WE      K5WE
CT7ANG     G0MMI      P3X        5B4AMM     ZL1SLO     EA5ZD
DR2016KIDS DJ9PH      PA44FF     PH0NO      ZV2C       PY2CX
E51DWC     OK1DWC     PY2ZEA     OH2MM      ZW5B       K3IRV

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